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The Management of the Mortification of the deceased John Strachan of Craigm-crook, Writer to the Signet; agreed upon at a General Meeting of the Trustees upon the 3d day of February 1794.

I.

THAT the persons authorised by the deeds of mortification to be trustees, meet together the first Monday of February and July yearly, at twelve o'clock noon, in the hall of the trustees of the fund for ministers widows in Scotland, &c. with consent of the trustees; and to adjourn themselves, as they shall see cause, and meet as often as the preses of the last meeting, or the clerk, shall find it needful to call them; any seven of them to be a quorum; and each meeting chuse a preses, who shall sign the resolutions, orders, and conclusions of that meeting: and that at the annual stated meeting in February, a standing committee of their number shall be appointed in manner following, who

who shall prepare all business remitted to them, and report specially upon each petition for aid from the fund, viz. The said committee to consist of the preses for the time, and six other trustees, two of the six to go out of the committee yearly, and their places to be supplied by other trustees; and the said meeting, and all other meetings of the trustees, shall also have power to appoint other particular committees, as upon any emergency may seem to them necessary.

II.

That the foresaid trustees, at one of their stated meetings, elect a discreet and fit person to be clerk and factor during pleasure, for uplifting the rents of the mortification, and distributing the same, as he shall be specially ordered by the trustees, and to keep regular books, and to record therein the acts and deeds of the trustees, to receive in petitions, make up rolls, and transcribe the minutes into a book, and keep the same in good order. Which clerk and factor shall have a salary of Twenty pounds Sterling yearly, payable at Candlemas for the year preceding; and this to be in full for service, pens, ink, paper, books, and all other demands whatsoever as clerk.

III.

That the factor so appointed, be impowered to use all needful diligence for inbringing the rents and revenues of the said mortification, and be ready to lay his accounts before the trustees when required: And it is hereby specially provided, That the same be examined and revised at the stated meeting in February yearly, that the accounts of the preceding year may be laid before the Lords Overseers, together with the whole transactions of the trustees for the said preceding year.

IV. That

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That one be chosen to be messenger or officer to the trustees, to continue during pleasure, who is to give advertisement of the time and place of their meeting, and to attend the same, and the other affairs of the mortification, as he shall be directed by the managers, their preses, or clerk and factor. And as some of the trustees do not reside in the city of Edinburgh, he is to leave an advertisement for the Advocates with the keeper of their library, one for the Writers with the under-keeper of the signet, and one for the Presbytery with their clerk. And the foresaid officer is to have Thirty pounds Scots yearly, at the term of Whitsunday for the year preceding.

That after deduction of the necessary expences of management and reparations, and of the sums directed by the mortification to be paid to the Advocates, and the Writers their poor, and to the moderator of the Presbytery of Edinburgh, the whole remainder of the rents and annualrents shall be bestowed upon pensioners, certified by persons of known character, to be proper objects of this charity.

That in order to make up the roll of pensioners, the petitions and certificates may be laid before a stated meeting, and remitted to the committee for farther enquiry; or may be given in to any of the members of the committee, or the clerk, any time before the February meeting, and may be considered by the committee in the first instance without having been remitted by a former general meeting, and may be reported immediately to the February meeting for decision; a special regard being always had to such as have no other pension, and have formerly been in creditable circumstances:

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and that none shall be enrolled, but at one of the two stated meetings, in the manner above expressed: nor shall this roll be altered at any intervening diet; but upon information of misbehaviour in any of the pensioners, payment may be suspended till one of the stated meetings: and that the trustees determine the quota that is to be allowed yearly to each of the pensioners on the said roll; and in proportion to the said yearly allowance, payment be made to the foresaid pensioners of one half, at each term of Whitsunday and Martinmas yearly.

V.

That the roll be written in three columns, the first to contain the pensioners their names and designations, the second the sums allotted to them, the third to be a place for the subscriptions of such as can write. Upon the head of which third column is to be written a general discharge for them all; and at the end of the roll, an order upon the factor to pay conform to the same, signed by the preses: and that the factor count conform to this roll; and that there be a new copy of the roll, with the alterations and additions as occasion requires, written out and signed each half year.

VI.

And in regard the mortification is only for "*poor old men, women, and orphans*," it is ordained that no men or women under the age of sixty-three be enrolled for pensioners; and that no orphans be enrolled, or allowed to continue, after their age of fourteen years complete: and in the case of orphans, a person's name shall be inserted in the roll, such as the managers can trust, to receive and discharge for them, and to oversee them.

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That no pension exceed the sum of Five pounds Sterling yearly.

VIII.

That the factor send no money to absent pensioners, but upon a certificate, or some evidence of their being alive.

IX.

That a chest be provided, wherein shall be lodged all the writs and securities of the mortification, and the books of the trustees their managements and accounts, after the same are completely filled up, revised, and recorded; one key of which chest is to be kept by the moderator of the presbytery of Edinburgh, and another by the clerk and factor to the mortification: and the said chest is never to be opened, but by order of a meeting of the trustees duly advertised, or of their annual committee, and that one of them be present at opening and closing thereof.

X.

That a full inventory of the whole writs of the said mortification be kept in the chest, and one with the clerk of this mortification. And that a receipt-book lie in the chest, in which is to be set down a receipt to be signed by the out-taker, bearing the cause of taking out any of the said writs.

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That these rules stand in force, till altered at one or other of the stated meetings, at the sight of the Lords Overseers; and that no alteration be made, or new rules enacted, till proposed at one meeting, and left to lie on the table till another stated meeting, and the Lords Overseers be advised therein.

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